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September 24, 2021

Mary Alice Evans, Director Office of Planning and Sustainable Development 235 South Beretania Street, Suite # 702 Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Notice of Decision to Grant Request for Extension of Time to Consider Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Director Evans:

With this letter, we are notifying your office that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) has granted the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council's (PIJAC's) request for extension of time for consideration of PIJAC's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Issuance of Commercial Aquarium Permits and Commercial Marine Licenses for the Honolulu, 'Ewa, Wai'anae, Waiālua, Ko'olauloa, and Ko'olaupoko districts on the island of O'ahu.

The FEIS was filed by PIJAC on August 26, 2021 and published in the September 8, 2021 edition of The Environmental Notice. On September 13, 2021, PIJAC sent a digital written letter via email to the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) requesting a 15-day extension of time, until October 10, 2021, in order to allow the BLNR sufficient time to consider and take action on the FEIS, see attached.

On September 24, 2021, the Board granted PIJAC's request.

Sincerely,

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Suzanne D. Case Chairperson Board of Land and Natural Resources

Cc: James M. Lynch

Via e-mail to lynchjm.wa@gmail.com

September 13, 2021

Ms. Suzanne Case, Chairperson Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources Kalanimoku Building 1151 Punchbowl St. Honolulu, HI 96813

## **RE:** Request for Extension to Consider Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Chairperson Case:

With this letter, the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) hereby requests an extension of time for the Hawai'i Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) to consider whether to approve the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Issuance of Commercial Aquarium Permits and Commercial Marine Licenses for the Honolulu, 'Ewa, Wai'anae, Waiālua, Ko'olauloa, Ko'olaupoko districts on the island of O'ahu.

PIJAC filed the FEIS with the Hawai'i Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) on August 26, 2021 for publication, with a copy of the FEIS provided to the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources. As a result of this submittal, the BLNR would be required to take action on the FEIS on or about September 25, 2021.

PIJAC understands that the BLNR may not be able to consider the FEIS prior to September 25, 2021. In order to allow the BLNR sufficient time to consider the FEIS, PIJAC requests a 15-day extension of time, until October 10, 2021, for BLNR to take action on the FEIS.

Thank you for consideration of this request. If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

James M. Lynch

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